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SUBJ: COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS: AGENDA ITEM 11-POPPY CULTIVATION

1. SUMMARY. REACTION OF CND MEMBERS AND OBSERVERS TO US STATEMENT ON POPPY CULTIVATION (TRANSMITTED GENEVA 1352) DECIDEDLY AFFIRMATIVE. REPRESENTATIVES OF 20 GOVERNMENTS ADDRESSED POPPY CULTIVATION ITEM, AND IN LIVELY DEBATE, DEVELOPED CONSENSUS CLOSELY IN ACCORD WITH US VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. FRG AND MEXICAN REPS STATED FULL AGREEMENT WITH US POSITION. VARIOUS OTHER DELEGATES ADDRESSED SPECIFIC ELEMENTS OF POSITION AS FOLLOWS.

3. US STATEMENT THAT PRODUCTION IN 1974 OF NARCOTICS RAW MATERIALS AGAIN INSUFFICIENT TO MEET LEGITIMATE DEMAND WAS CONFIRMED BY REPS OF INDIA, ITALY, SPAIN AND SWITZERLAND. OUR EXHORTATION THAT SOLUTION TO TEMPORARY SHORTAGE MUST BE ACHIEVED IN MANNER WHICH DOES NNOT INCREASE
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FRENCH REP WHO STATE "PRESENT SITUATION SHOULD NOT LEAD TO EXTREME MEASURES NOR TO PRODUCTION BY COUNTRIES WITHOUT EFFECTIVE CONTROL". U.S. VIEWS THAT EFFORTS TO DEVELOP SUITABLE SYNTHETICS TO REPLACE THE NATURAL NARCOTIC DRUGS WILL NOT MATERIALIZE IN NEXT FEW YEARS WAS REFLECTED IN STATEMENTS BY REPS OF SWITZERLAND AND GREECE.

4. US CALL FOR ACCELERATION OF RESEARCH CONDUCTED AND COORDINATED BY UN LABORATORY TO MAXIMIZE YIELDS FROM STRAW PROCESS AND FROM SELECTION OF HIGH YIELDING VARITIES WON GENERAL REAFFIRMATION FROM OTHER DELS, AS DID RECOMMENDATION THAT UN LAB GIVE PRIORITY TO RESEARCH ON P. BRACTEATUM. INDIAN DEL POINTED OUT INDIANS EFFORT DEVELOP HIGHER YIELDING POPPY IN COOPERATION WITH UN LAB AND DESCRIBED PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN SCIENTISTS IN P. BRACTEATUM RESEARCH. EGYPT DEL EXPRESSED HOPES RESEARCH ON P. SOMNIFERUM WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL AS THAT ALREADY DONE ON P. BRACTEATUM. HE OFFERED GOE COOPERATION ON EXPERIMENTATION IN HIS COUNTRY. AUSTRALIAN REP STATED HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED US RECOMMENDATION THAT UN LAB CONTINUE RESEARCH ON MAXIMUM MORPHINE YEILD PER HECTARE OF P. SOMINFERUM WHILE GIVING PRIORITY TO RESEARCH ON P. BRACTEATUM. YUGOSLAV DEL ADMITTED BEING "PARTLY IN AGREEMENT WITH US" WITH RESPECT TO DESIRABILITY OF RESEARCH TO INCREASE MORPHINE YEILD PER HECTARE.

5. SWEDISH REP NOTED RESULTS SO FAR ACHIEVED BY P. BRACTEATUM RESEARCH AND DESCRIBED IT AS IMPORTANT CONTINUING EFFORT. GREEK DEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT P. BRACTEATUM WOULD EVENTUALLY SOVE PROBLEM OF SHORTAGE NARCOTICS RAW MATERIAL.

6. NEED STRESSED IN US STATEMENT FOR PROMPT DEVELOPMENT OF METHODS FOR IMPROVING CONTROL TECHNIQUES WAS ALSO STRESSED BY YUGOSLAV DEL WHO STATED SATISFACTION THAT DND WAS COMING ROUND TO POSITION HE HAD HELD FOR YEARS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE UN FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL WOULD ASSIST GOVERNMENTS WHO REQUEST HELP ON CONTROL
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MEASURES. SPANISH DEL ALSO URGED RESEARCH INTO IMPROVED METHODS OF PRODUCTION AND CONTROL.

7. CHAIRMAN SINGH (INDIA) COMMENTED AT CONCLUSION OF DEBATE THAT GAP NO DOUBT EXISTS BWETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND FOR NARCOTICS RAW MATERIALS AND CONCURRED WITH US SUGGESTION THAT CND MAKE RECORD OF COMMENTS THIS TOPCI. ADDRESSING QUESTION OF HOW TO MEET CODEINE

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SHORTAGE HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF INCB FUNCTION OF
ENSURING THAT REALISTIC ESTIMATES OF REQUIREMENTS OF
OPIUM AND POPPY STRAW ARE DRAWN UP BY PHARMACEUTICAL
MANUFACTURES AND ENDORSED BY GOVERNMENTS AND THAT
COUNTRIES EXPORTING THESE PRODUCTS SHOULD PLAN PRODUCTION
ON BASIS THESE REALISTIC ESTIMATES. HE URGED
THAT AREA OF CULTIVATION BE EXTENDED ONLY TO EXTENT
COMMENSURATE WITH ADEQUATE CONTROLS. HE ALSO URGED
COUNTRIES MANUFACTURING MORPHINE AND THEBAINE TO STEP
UP PRODUCTION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO REPLENISH STOCKS.
HE SUGGESTED THAT LANCING COUNTRIES MIGHT DIRECT
EFFORTS TOWARDS OBTAINING MORPHINE FROM LANCED STRAW.
FINALLY, HE SUPPORTED THE VIGOROUS PURSUIT OF RESEARCH
UNDER WY, ESPECIALLY ON PRODUCTIONOF OPIATES FROM
P. BRACTEATUM. HE OBSERVED THAT TURKISH PRODUCTION OF
POPPY STRAW AND US RELEASE OF OPIUM FROM STOCKPILES
AND EFFECTUATION OF ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ALL
ACHIEVED, WOULD IMPROVE SUPPLY/DEMAND SITUATION.

8. DEPARTMENT PLEASE POUCH TO INTERESTED POSTS. DALE

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